15. Improving the cross bund connecting the main Karuvannur bund with the parambas on the south and reconstructing the small sluice on the cross bund.
16. Repairs to Ochenturuttu groynes.
17. Executing urgent works for storing water in the Kuzhur chira.
18. Putting up a bund across the Karuvannur river at Munayam.
19. Repairs to sluice of Manapat chira.
20. Do do of Kottenkottuvalavu chira.
21. Do do of Thazhakat chira.
22. Do do Kuzhur chira.
23. Do to the Pallur chira.
24. Improvements to the canals in Chellanam and Uppathikad.
25. Putting up a bund across the Puthenthodu for the maintenance of Karanchira bund.
26. Executing repairs to the Kallayi chira.
27. Additional works to the Munayam bund.
28. Dismantling and reconstructing the old weir at Enamakkal.
29. Improvements to Mulattara system, 4th section in 1104.
30. Do to Kunnamkattupathy system in 1104.
31. Constructing sluices for branch channels of Chittur Irrigation systems.
32. Constructing a new sluice and repairing the old one of Ambanat chira.
33. Improvements to Thembaramadakku system in 1104.

Dr. A. G. Menon.—Before leaving this subject I may be allowed to read the authoritative report of the last Budget Session. "President: In order to understand the situation in respect of transfers from one minor head to another minor head whether it is a case of certified expenditure or not, that could not be done under the Legislative Council Rules. So this provision in *the Account Code* must be taken as a dead-letter."

President.—Please read once more.

Dr. A. G. Menon.— 'In order to understand the situation in respect of transfers from one minor head to another minor head whether it is a case of certified expenditure or not, that could not be done under the Legislative Council Rules. So this provision in *the Account Code* must be taken as a dead-letter.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—Still the attitude has not changed.

Dr. A. G. Menon.—I am reading from the manuscript Proceedings sent from the office for correction to Mr. Salem and he kept it for himself without returning it. For the Rule is after four days they are sent for correction to the Members they will be taken as needing no correction. It was sent on first of August. It contains very many speeches. And this was your ruling on the last occasion.

President.—Is this a certified expenditure?

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Mr. A. B. Salem.—We were discussing the question of transferring from one minor head to another, how Rs. 20,000 was restored.

President.—These are all cases which relate to transfer regarding the certified expenditure.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—No, no.

President.—Have you got the other thing? Take the resolution that we discussed on the subject.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—That has direct reference to the transfer from one minor head to another minor head. Somehow here the question turned upon certified expenditure. In your speech it is stated whether it is certified or not

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President.—Do you remember this?

Dr. A. G. Menon.—We distinctly remember.

President.—Is it your point that for every transfer we should come to the Council?

Mr. A. B. Salem.—There are supplementary grants. In the olden times, we discussed, there was no Legislative Council, and there was no supplementary grant. There is no word of transfer in the Legislative Council Rules or Regulations. If you want more money to be spent, you must come to the House for vote. We say, if there is any excess in any particular item, let it lapse. If you need additional expenditure, come before the House upon a particular item. We will give more.

President.—That is to say, in all cases of transfers from one minor head to another minor head, we must obtain the sanction of the Council.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—Supposing one head wants more money than what has been voted for by the House, don't meet it behind our back. Nobody knows till the books come. We said we want to know why the transfers are made.

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—This is not the end of it. I would like to know what he says subsequently.

Mr. K. Krishna Pisharodi.—It is only an interpretation given by the Government.

President.—I remember this thing that there was a resolution on this point. That resolution was withdrawn on the definite undertaking that the book of transfer will be placed on the Table.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—That was before the last session. At the last session I was trying to cut the general administration demand upon very many specific grounds. Two grants taken in the morning were about transfer made on certificates. Pay

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of Mr. Sesha Ayyar and typist and clerk, Rs. 20,000 grant, that was restored. How did you meet the expenditure? We were discussing the matter. Then it was said by transfer. We objected to that transfer. Mr. Thomas Manjuran's speech also is here. Then we said we can give one lakh of rupees to one head and you spend under one or two heads. That would be very bad.

President.—Why should I definitely say that in regard to Anappara scheme the allotment will not be transferred at all? If there is that rule, why should I say so?

Mr. A. B. Salem.—There was no rule. Specify the demand. If you are afraid of giving the Anappara money, there is a lump provision, you may spend for anything else.

President.—If there is this rule, we cannot spend it for any other purposes.

Mr. K. Krishna Pisharodi.—The other portion is giving an interpretation.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—That is not the point on which I am on my legs. I am on my legs for the sorrowful impression in my mind that, in spite of the discussion, it has been forgotten, and the mental attitude of Government has been changed with regard to the transfer. That is the point on which I am on my legs. We want to impress upon your mind that these should be done in a regular manner after coming before us. That point is completely ignored and forgotten. There is no rule. It was the intention of you, Sir, to change the spirit and say that all such things must come. That is the reason you summed up in that way in the report whether this is a case of certified expenditure or not. In cases of transfer the rule which allows transfers from one minor head to another minor head must be presumed to be a dead-letter. That is the situation which we want to bring about.

Mr. T. M. Krishna Menon.—I understand this is only an explanation given by the President of the attitude taken by the other side. Then Mr. A. B. Salem: "*I may also point out*", I don't say any such thing has come to. Only an explanation to this.

"I may also point out that in the whole Legislative Council rules there is not a single provision of any transfer mentioned. That shows that before this House was in existence transfers could be made. Now an additional expenditure that you may require needs the sanction of this House, and if the sanction of this House is withheld, then the Government could not spend it at all. If the Government thinks it essential for the expenditure, they must certify. That is the only way in which money could be spent hereafter."

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Then the President sums up the position taken by the other side.

President.—It is not a decision. It is only pointing out the question for consideration.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—According to your decision it means this.

Mr. T. M. Krishna Menon.—"In respect of transfers from one minor head to another whether it is a case of certified expenditure or not, that could not be done under the Legislative Council Rules. So this provision in *the Account Code* must be taken as a dead-letter." That is the position of the other side. So Mr. Salem says archaic, obsolete, etc. The President has explained the position taken by the speaker.

Dr. A. G. Menon.—That we can say only after we get the whole printed Proceedings. Without that we are not in a position to say anything. We need not spend much of our time.

President.—I distinctly remember one thing. A resolution was brought in this Council that in all cases of transfer from one minor head to another minor head under a major head the sanction of the Council is necessary. That was proposed to be debated. That is, we thought over the matter and the resolution was withdrawn by the mover on the assurance of the Finance Member that he will place the book of transfer on the Table. Now that practice is being continued.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—It has come to our notice that several items of expenditure are incurred though payments are voted down. When such a state is reached, it is incumbent to enter our emphatic protest. This cut was carried.

Mr. T. M. Krishna Menon.—We have not sufficient papers.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—The cut was carried.

President.—This has sprung upon us as a surprise. We are not prepared for a discussion. So that anyhow at the proper time we shall consider.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—We shall find our way if the other is still the interpretation. I may bring to your notice, Sir, that the books have not been placed on the last two days.

Mr. K Krishna Pisharodi.—It will be brought in the after-noon.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—Yesterday after-noon also it was not here.

Mr. K. Krishna Pisharodi.—You did not ask for it.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—When the books have to be placed on the Table, they must be placed whether we ask for it or not.

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